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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ANGELA ROCIO URRUTIA CRUZ,

Defendant.

8:25CR128

PLEA AGREEMENT

IT IS HEREBY AGREED between the plaintiff, United States of America, through its counsel, Lesley A. Woods, United States Attorney and Sean P. Lynch, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant, Angela Rocio Urrutia Cruz, and Chinedu Igbokwe, counsel for defendant, as follows:

I

THE PLEA

A. CHARGE(S) & FORFEITURE ALLEGATION(S).

Defendant agrees to plead guilty to Count V of the Indictment. Count V charges a violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1324(a)(1)(A)(iv) & (v)(II). Defendant further admits the forfeiture allegation as set forth in the Indictment. The parties agree the property to be forfeited is:

- a. 5524 N 34th Street in Omaha, Nebraska, 68111, also described as THE SOUTH TRIANGULAR 40 FEET OF LOT 133 AND THE NORTH TRIANGULAR 5.8 FEET OF LOT 134, CHARLSEW HEIGHTS, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF OMAHA, AS SURVEYED, PLATTED, AND RECORDED IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TOGETHER WITH THAT PORTION OF VACATED FIRESTONE AVENUE ADJOINING THERETO.

B. In exchange for the defendant's plea of guilty as indicated above, the United States agrees as follows:

1. The United States will move to dismiss Counts I through IV and VI through VII at the time of sentencing.
2. The United States agrees that the defendant will not be federally prosecuted in the District of Nebraska for harboring crimes as disclosed by the discovery material delivered to the

defendant's attorney as of the date this agreement is signed by all parties, other than as set forth in paragraph A, above. This agreement not to prosecute the defendant for specific crimes does not prevent any prosecuting authority from prosecuting the defendant for any other crime, or for any crime involving physical injury or death.

3. This plea agreement is part of a "package" disposition. In order for defendant to receive the benefit of this agreement, co-defendant Miguel Angel Salazar-Zuniga, also must plead guilty at the same time. Further, defendant expressly acknowledges her understanding that the disposition contemplated by this agreement is part of a "package" disposition with her co-defendant, Miguel Angel Salazar-Zuniga, wherein the obligations of the United States under the agreement are conditioned on the performance by defendant and her co-defendant of their obligations under the agreement.

II

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE

A. ELEMENTS EXPLAINED.

Defendant understands that the offense to which defendant is pleading guilty has the following elements:

1. Defendant encouraged and induced an alien to come to, enter, and reside in the United States;
2. Defendant knew and recklessly disregarded the fact that such coming to, entry, and residence was and would be in violation of United States law; and
3. Defendant committed the offense for the purpose of commercial advantage or private financial gain.

B. ELEMENTS UNDERSTOOD AND ADMITTED - FACTUAL BASIS.

Defendant has fully discussed the facts of this case with defense counsel. Defendant has committed each of the elements of the crime and admits that there is a factual basis for this guilty plea. The following facts are true and undisputed.

1. Defendant, Miguel Angel Salazar-Zuniga, is a citizen and national of Mexico and ~~is married to~~ co-defendant, Angela Urrutia Cruz. Urrutia Cruz is a citizen and national of Colombia. Urrutia Cruz and Salazar Zuniga owned and operated two businesses, MASU Construction, LLC and Angela's Cleaning Services, LLC. Salazar-Zuniga and Urrutia Cruz owned the residence at 5524 N. 34th Street,

Omaha, Nebraska. Before residing at 5524 N. 34th Street address, Salazar-Zuniga and Urrutia Cruz resided at an address off Saratoga Street in Omaha, Nebraska.

2. From on or about May 1, 2022, through May 28, 2025, Salazar-Zuniga and Urrutia Cruz encouraged and induced Individual 4 to come to, enter, and reside in the United States. Specifically, Individual 4 is a Colombian citizen and unlawfully entered the United States in September 2023. Individual 4 flew from Colombia to Mexico. Once in Mexico, Individual 4 was supposed to be met by Salazar-Zuniga's sister to help facilitate his movement through Mexico. Salazar-Zuniga's sister never arrived. Individuals 4 remained in Mexico for a period of time during which time Urrutia Cruz financially supported him and arranged for him to be illegally crossed into the United States. Specifically, Urrutia Cruz sent him three money transfers to pay for food and to pay for a "coyote" to help him illegally cross into the United States. Urrutia Cruz also helped arrange the coyote to take Individual 4 across the border. When encountered by United States Border Patrol agents, Individual 4 provided Salazar-Zuniga and Urrutia Cruz's Saratoga address as his destination. Once in the United States, Urrutia Cruz bought Individual 4 a plane ticket from San Diego to Omaha and picked Individual 4 up from the airport. Individual 4 resided with Urrutia Cruz and Salazar-Zuniga at 5524 N 34th Street and paid \$160 a month to Urrutia Cruz and Salazar-Zuniga to cover rent and other expenses. Individual 4 worked for Urrutia Cruz's cleaning business.
3. Salazar-Zuniga and Urrutia Cruz experienced a commercial advantage and private financial gain by encouraging Individual 4 to come to, enter, and reside in the United States.

III

PENALTIES

A. COUNT V. Defendant understands that the crime to which defendant is pleading guilty carries the following penalties:

1. A maximum 10 years in prison;
2. A maximum \$250,000 fine;
3. A mandatory special assessment of \$100 per count; and

4. A term of supervised release of not more than 3 years. Defendant understands that failure to comply with any of the conditions of supervised release may result in revocation of supervised release, requiring defendant to serve in prison all or part of the term of supervised release.
5. Possible ineligibility for certain Federal benefits.

IV

**AGREEMENT LIMITED TO U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

This plea agreement is limited to the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Nebraska, and cannot bind any other federal, state or local prosecuting, administrative, or regulatory authorities.

V

SENTENCING ISSUES

A. SENTENCING AGREEMENTS.

Although the parties understand that the Guidelines are advisory and only one of the factors the court will consider under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) in imposing a sentence, the parties will jointly recommend the following Base Offense Level, Specific Offense Characteristics, Adjustments and Departures (if applicable). Unless otherwise stated, all agreements as to sentencing issues are made pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(B).

1. Acceptance of Responsibility: If the defendant is found to be entitled to an offense level reduction under U.S.S.G. 3E1.1(a) for acceptance of responsibility, the United States hereby moves that the court reduce the defendant's offense level by one additional level, pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(b), if that paragraph otherwise applies.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

Notwithstanding paragraph A above, the United States will not recommend any adjustment for Acceptance of Responsibility if defendant:

1. Fails to admit a complete factual basis for the guilty plea at the time it is entered, or
2. Denies involvement in the offense, gives conflicting statements about that involvement, or is untruthful with the court or probation officer, or
3. Fails to appear in court, or
4. Engages in additional criminal conduct, or

5. Attempts to withdraw the guilty plea, or
6. Refuses to abide by any lawful court order, or
7. Contests or assists any third party in contesting the forfeiture of property(ies) seized or forfeited in connection with this case.

The parties further agree the defendant will make no “blanket” objections to the criminal history calculation (specific objections based on stated grounds are permitted). Objections to criminal history on the basis that the defendant was not the person who was convicted of the offense(s) described in the presentence investigation report or on the basis that the defendant was not represented by counsel in connection with such conviction(s), if determined to be unfounded, are evidence the defendant has not accepted responsibility and the parties agree no credit for acceptance of responsibility should be given.

C. ADJUSTMENTS, DEPARTURES & REDUCTIONS UNDER 18 U.S.C. § 3553.

The parties agree that defendant may request or recommend additional downward adjustments, departures, including criminal history departures under U.S.S.G. § 4A1.3, and sentence reductions under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), and that the United States will oppose any such downward adjustments, departures, and sentence reductions not set forth in Section V, paragraph A above.

D. CRIMINAL HISTORY.

The parties have no agreement concerning the defendant’s Criminal History Category, except that if defendant is determined to be a Career Offender, the parties agree that the defendant is automatically a Criminal History Category VI pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 4B1.1(b).

E. “FACTUAL BASIS” AND “RELEVANT CONDUCT” INFORMATION.

The parties agree that the facts in the “factual basis” paragraph of this agreement, if any, are true, and may be considered as “relevant conduct” under U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3 and as the nature and circumstances of the offense under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(1).

The parties agree that all information known by the office of United States Pretrial Service may be used by the Probation Office in submitting its presentence report and may be disclosed to the court for purposes of sentencing.

F. RECOMMENDATION REGARDING CUSTODY.

The United States will recommend that defendant be sentenced to a term of incarceration within the advisory guideline range as calculated by the United States pursuant to this agreement.

F. IMMIGRATION CONSEQUENCES.

Defendant is aware of and acknowledges that her plea pursuant to this plea agreement may have immigration consequences up to and including possible deportation.

VI

DEFENDANT WAIVES APPEAL AND COLLATERAL ATTACK

The defendant hereby knowingly and expressly waives any and all rights to appeal the defendant's conviction and sentence, including any restitution order in this case, and including a waiver of all motions, defenses, and objections which the defendant could assert to the charges or to the Court's entry of Judgment against the defendant, and including review pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3742 of any sentence imposed, except:

- (a) As provided in Section I above, (if this is a conditional guilty plea); and
- (b) A claim of ineffective assistance of counsel.
- (c) A right to file a motion under Section 3582(c)(1)(A);
 - 1. the general right to file a compassionate release motion;
 - 2. the right to file a second or successive such motion; or
 - 3. the right to appeal the denial of a compassionate release.

The defendant further knowingly and expressly waives any and all rights to contest the defendant's conviction and sentence in any post-conviction proceedings, including any proceedings under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, except:

- (a) The right to timely challenge the defendant's conviction and the sentence of the Court should the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals or the United States Supreme Court later find that the charge to which the defendant is agreeing to plead guilty fails to state a crime.
- (b) The right to seek post-conviction relief based on ineffective assistance of counsel.

If defendant breaches this plea agreement, at any time, in any way, including, but not limited to, appealing or collaterally attacking the conviction or sentence, the United States may prosecute defendant for any counts, including those with mandatory minimum sentences, dismissed or not charged pursuant to this plea agreement. Additionally, the United States may use any factual admissions made by defendant pursuant to this plea agreement in any such prosecution.

VII

BREACH OF AGREEMENT

Should it be concluded by the United States that the defendant has committed a crime subsequent to signing the plea agreement, or otherwise violated this plea agreement, the defendant shall then be subject to prosecution for any federal, state, or local crime(s) which this agreement otherwise anticipated would be dismissed or not prosecuted. Any such prosecution(s) may be premised upon any information, statement, or testimony provided by the defendant.

In the event the defendant commits a crime or otherwise violates any term or condition of this plea agreement, the defendant shall not, because of such violation of this agreement, be allowed to withdraw the defendant's plea of guilty, and the United States will be relieved of any obligation it otherwise has under this agreement and may withdraw any motions for dismissal of charges or for sentence relief it had already filed.

VIII

SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

A. This plea agreement embodies the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any other agreement, written or oral.

B. By signing this agreement, the defendant agrees that the time between the date the defendant signs the agreement and the date of the guilty plea will be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act. The defendant stipulates that such period of delay is necessary in order for the defendant to have opportunity to enter the anticipated plea of guilty, and that the ends of justice served by such period of delay outweigh the best interest of the defendant and the public in a speedy trial.

C. The United States may use against the defendant any disclosure(s) the defendant has made pursuant to this agreement in any civil proceeding. Nothing contained in this agreement shall in any manner limit the defendant's civil liability which may otherwise be found to exist, or in any manner limit or prevent the United States from pursuing any applicable civil remedy, including but not limited to remedies regarding asset forfeiture and/or taxation.

D. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013, the defendant will pay to the Clerk of the District Court the mandatory special assessment of \$100 for each felony count to which the defendant pleads guilty. The defendant will make this payment at or before the time of sentencing.

E. By signing this agreement, the defendant waives the right to withdraw the defendant's plea of guilty pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(d). The defendant may only withdraw the guilty plea in the event the court rejects the plea agreement pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(5). Furthermore, defendant understands that if the court rejects the plea agreement, whether or not defendant withdraws the guilty plea, the United States is relieved of any obligation it had under the agreement and defendant shall be subject to prosecution for any federal, state, or local crime(s) which this agreement otherwise anticipated would be dismissed or not prosecuted.

F. This agreement may be withdrawn by the United States at any time prior to its being signed by all parties.

IX

MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT MUST BE IN WRITING

No promises, agreements or conditions have been entered into other than those set forth in this agreement, and none will be entered into unless in writing and signed by all parties.

X

DEFENDANT AND COUNSEL FULLY UNDERSTAND AGREEMENT

By signing this agreement, defendant certifies that defendant read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant has discussed the terms of this agreement with defense counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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United States Attorney

7/18/2025
Date

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SEAN P. LYNCH
ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY

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Date

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July 11th 2025
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